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AMENDMENT A

Dear Examiner:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006, which established a shortened statutory period for response that expired on February 14, 2007. A fee for a two-month extension of time is included herewith.

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